THE CRUMB

Volume XXXVI, No. 1 Bread Loaf, Vermont Wednesday, August 16, 1961

Middlebury College and the Conference welcome you to the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference. This bulletin, "The Crumb", is the official newsletter of the Conference. Each morning it will be left at your place in the Dining Hall. "The Crumb" contains daily schedules, any changes in the program, and other notices of interest to Conference members.

TONIGHT

Tonight at 8:00 in the Little Theatre, Dr. Stephen A. Freeman, Director of the Middlebury College Language Schools, and Vice-President of the College, will open the 1961 Conference. Mr. John Ciardi, Director of the Conference, will welcome Bread Loafers to the Mountain. Immediately afterwards a reception will be held in the Barn.

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

All contributors' manuscripts should be turned in to Mr. Cubeta in the Director's office as soon as possible and not later than noon Thursday. Mr. Cubeta will take special note of any problems and requests. Mr. Ciardi and the staff will then try to solve the problems and to accomodate the requests. Since it will be necessary to have all manuscripts on hand before individual assignments are determined, no final action can be taken before Thursday afternoon.

LIBRARY HOURS

The Library hours will be from four to five and seven to eight each day.

Newspapers

Anyone interested in receiving either daily or Sunday newspapers or both should see Wilfred Holton at the main desk before Thursday noon. Subscriptions will run for the duration of the Conference.

The Parking Problem

The State Police enforces a highway law which prohibits parking on the road in front of the Inn and the Cottages. Guests are therefore urged to use the two parking areas on the campus: the main area in front of the Barn, or on the east side of the highway beyond Maple. The area in front of the Inn must be clear for the taxi and mail delivery; the area between the kitchen and the Theatre must also be kept free for unloading supplies.

Messages, Calls, Telegrams, etc.

Check post office boxes several times daily for notices, telegrams, calls, etc. This is important since some of the dormitories do not have direct phone connections.

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LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS

9:00	Novel: Mr. Sloane
10:15	Non-fiction: Mr. Raney
11:30	Juvenile: Miss Blake
2:00	Short Story: Miss Hale
3:15	Poetry: Mr. Nims

EVENING LECTURE

At 8:00 this evening in the Little Theatre Mr. Dudley Fitts will speak. The title of his lecture is: "The Greeks (and the Romans) Had a Word For It".

MAGAZINE DISPLAY

A large collection of magazines of all kinds is on display in the Barn. This has been assembled for the pleasure of the whole Conference. It is therefore urged that copies not be removed from the Barn.

FROM THE BOOKSTORE

A copy of each book on sale at the Bookstore will be on display in the Barn. Members of the Conference are reminded that they may also browse in the Bookstore, but only during the before and-after-lunch periods. In the morning the Bookstore is not open for browsing.

Books which members of the Conference buy in the Bookstore, and which they wish autographed by the authors, may be left with the manager of the Bookstore and picked up at a later date.

DINING ROOM REMINDER FROM THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

The dining room doors are open from 8:00 to 8:30 A.M.; 1:00-1:15 P.M., and 6:15-6:30 P.M. The doors will then be closed promptly and firmly and no one--staff, fellows, conference members, or guests--will be admitted thereafter under any circumstances. The waiters and waitresses are all carefully selected and especially valued members of this Conference, and it is important that they have time to finish their work and still get to the lectures. Anyone who arrives too late to be seated in the dining hall will be able to get a snack at the Barn. When the doors close, do not head for the complaint desk, head for the Barn.

NEWSPAPER SUBSCRIPTIONS AGAIN

Until 6:00 P.M. Thursday, subscriptions will be taken at the main desk by Wilfred Holton for the daily and Sunday Times and Herald-Tribune. These will be distributed through Tuesday, August 29. Because of the irregularity of arrival, no Boston newspapers are for sale. The prices for subscriptions are as follows: Daily Times $1.50 (two weeks), Sunday Times $1.50 (two weeks), Daily Herald-Tribune $1.25 (two weeks), and Sunday Herald-Tribune 80 cents (two weeks).

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LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS

9:00 Non-Fiction: Mr. Asbell

10:15 Poetry: Mr. Nemerov

11:30 Novel: Mr. Yates

2:00 Short Story: Mr. Rubin

EVENING LECTURE

Miss Hale will speak at 8:00 P.M. in the Little Theatre. The title of her lecture is: "Lying Fallow."

CHURCH SERVICES THIS WEEK-END

It is customary for owners of cars to offer transportation for those without cars who wish to go to church services in Middlebury on Sunday or special religious days. A list will be posted on the dining-room bulletin board for those who wish to offer rides. Persons seeking transportation should get in touch with those who have signed on the church list.

WEEK-END ABSENCES

Those who are to be away from the campus over the week-end should sign the list posted on the bulletin board by the Main Desk, leaving a forwarding address in case of emergency. On the dining room bulletin board is a list for those to sign who will be absent from any meals through the week.

ROBERT FROST MOTION PICTURE

At 8:30 P. M. on Monday, August 21, in the Ripton Community House, there will be a special advance showing of the new Robert Frost half-hour motion picture which the United States Information Service plans to send all over the world. For late arrivals there will be a second showing soon after 9:00 the same evening.

Mr. Frost is seen at his Ripton home with a background of Vermont scenery in full color. He reads from his poems and confers with students and fellow townsmen.

It is hoped that Mr. Stafford Dragon, Mr. Kelly Healy and others who appear in the picture will be present to explain how it was produced.

There will be a collection to help pay for a new coat of paint for the Community House.

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LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS

9:00 Juvenile: Miss Blake

10:15 Short Story: Miss Hale

11:30 Novel: Mr. Sloan

2:00 Poetry: Mr. Fitts

EVENING LECTURE

In the Little Theatre at 8:00 P.M. Mr. Ciardi will read and talk about his poems.

NOVELS BY SCHOLARS AND FELLOWS

At the Vermont Book Shop in Middlebury Mr. Dike Blair has for sale some recently published novels by Fellows and Scholars.

A REMINDER

The Library is open from 4:00 to 5:00 and 7:00 to 8:00 P.M.

GUESTS FOR MEALS

The Dining Hall is filled to its capacity with the large enrollment this year; therefore it is not possible for members of the Conference to have guests for meals.

CHECK CASHING

Noon, Wednesday, August 23, is the closing hour for cashing personal checks. After that time, only travelers' checks may be cashed.

MESSAGE CHECK

Members should check their postboxes several times daily for messages, notices of telephone calls, telegrams, etc. Since most of the dormitories do not have telephone, this is the only way that members can be sure of receiving such communications.

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EVENING LECTURE

At 8:00 P.M. in the Little Theatre Charles Feinberg, leading Whitman collector, will speak on Walt Whitman as revealed by study of his work-sheets and manuscripts.

AN IMPORTANT NOTE ON MONDAY EVENING LECTURE

Mr. Asbell's lecture on Monday evening will begin at 7:30 (rather than at 8:00) so that those who also wish to attend the Frost movie in Ripton will have ample time to drive to Ripton after Mr. Asbell's talk. The second showing of the movie will not begin until shortly after 9:00.

THE BLUE PARLOR

The Blue Parlor in the Inn, preserved since the days when Bread Loaf was a resort, is a showpiece of Victorian Americana as well as an all-campus meeting place. Small groups, therefore, should not use it for private entertainment or parties.

SUNDAY PAPERS

Papers arrive around 10:30. Those who have subscribed should ask for them at the main desk. After 1:00, papers are left for subscribers on the table near the mail boxes in the lobby.

HIKES

Members interested in walks and hikes may secure a map and a descriptive sheet about some of the nearby trails. Ask for them at the main desk. On the longer trails, especially, it is advisable that members not go alone on hikes.

EXHIBITION OF WOOD ENGRAVINGS

There is an exhibit on the second floor of the Library, consisting of wood engravings and linoleum cuts by Theresa S. Davidson. Duplicates of most of these prints (signed originals) are available at the Bookstore. A price list is posted in the Library along with the exhibit, and it is requested that prospective purchasers, after making their selections from the Library exhibit, call for them by number and title as they appear on the list.

FROM THE BOOKSTORE

Those who have left books to be autographed by Mr. Ciardi may call for them at the Bookstore on Monday.

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Volume XXXVI, No. 6 Bread Loaf, Vermont Monday, August 21, 1961

LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS

9:00 Poetry: Mr. Nims

10:15 Novel: Mr. Sloane

11:30 Short Story: Mr. Rubin

2:00 Non-fiction: Mr. Raney

3:15 Mr. William Hazlett Upson

EVENING LECTURE

At 7:30 P.M. in the Little Theatre Mr. Asbell will speak. The subject of his lecture is: "How To Tell An Immortal Story In Very Few Words." Please note the change of time for evening lecture.

DON'T FORGET THE PARTY

The first invitational tea will be held at 4:15 this afternoon at Fritz cottage. The Staff and Fellows are looking forward to seeing you there. In case of inclement weather, the tea will be held in the Blue Parlor.

FROM THE BOOKSTORE

A reminder that Mrs. Davidson's prints are signed, hand-printed originals, and not merely copies of originals. Each individual print has been made from the original wood or linoleum block.

On the bulletin board outside the Bookstore is a list of all the books which may be purchased. Books purchased from the Bookstore may be left to be autographed.

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Volume XXXVI, No. 7 Bread Loaf, Vermont Tuesday, August 22, 1961

LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS

9:00 Short Story: Miss Hale

10:15 Non-fiction: Mr. Asbell

11:30 Poetry: Mr. Ciardi

2:00 Novel: Mr. Rubin

3:15 Juvenile: Miss Blake

EVENING LECTURE

At 8:00 this evening in the Little Theatre Mr. Sloane will speak. The title of his lecture is: "Something About Publishing."

IF THE SUN SHINES

At 4:15 this afternoon the second invitational tea will be held at Fritz cottage IF THE SUN SHINES. In case of rain, sleet or snow the tea will be held in the Blue Parlor.

FROM THE BOOKSTORE

May we remind guests that they are invited to explore the wide expanses of the Bookstore before and after lunch. Our shelves hold books by members of the staff and others. These books, of course, may be left to be autographed.

No Frost books, after Thursday lunch, may be purchased with the intention of having them autographed.

CHECK CASHING REMINDER

Wednesday, August 23, is the last day on which checks can be cashed. Checks cashed on this date must be turned in at the main desk by NOON. No further announcements on this matter will be made. No exceptions can be made to the deadline announced. Conference members cannot cash in Middlebury checks that do not have the Bread Loaf stamp. Travelers' Checks can be cashed up to the closing date of the conference.

POSTOFFICE COMBINATIONS

Please return today the mimeographed postoffice box combinations that were issued on registration day.

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DAILY SCHEDULE (Clinic and Lecture Hours)

9:00 Short Story Clinic

10:30 Novel Clinic

2:00 Poetry: Mr. Fitts

3:30 Juvenile Clinic

EVENING LECTURE

At 8:00 P. M. in the Little Theatre Mr. Nemerov will read from his poems.

THREE-THIRTY CLINIC

At the session on Juvenile literature this afternoon Mr. Ciardi will join Miss Blake in a discussion of children's poetry.

DEPARTURE SLIPS

Today members will find in the postoffice boxes departure slips which they should fill out at once and leave in the box at the main desk.

DRY CLEANING

The dry cleaner will deliver and pick up material today at noon. This is the last day on which members may leave clothes to be cleaned; they will be returned on Saturday.

FROM THE BOOKSTORE

Anyone who wishes to have a book autographed by Mr. Frost must purchase it before lunch tomorrow (Thursday).

Those who have purchased books by Mr. Ciardi and Mr. Rubin may obtain them at the Bookstore today.

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Volume XXXVI, No. 9 Bread Loaf, Vermont Thursday, August 24, 1961

DAILY SCHEDULE (Clinic Hours)

9:00 Non-fiction Clinic -- Mr. Asbell, Mr. Raney, Mr. Walter Ross, former articles editor, Coronet magazine

10:15 Novel Clinic

2:00 Short Story Clinic

3:15 Poetry Clinic

EVENING LECTURE

Mr. Morrison will speak at 8:00 P. M. in the Little Theatre. The title of his lecture is: "Does the Writer Have a Conscience?"

FROM THE BOOKSTORE

That the waiters and waitresses may have an added opportunity to browse, the Bookstore will remain open a half hour beyond the usual closing time.

Books left to be autographed by Mr. Ciardi, Mr. Cubeta, Mr. Rubin and Mr. Nemerov have been returned.

A REQUEST

Five long playing records have been reported missing from the Snow Bowl. This event occurred within a short span of time Saturday night. Needless to say, the records are valuable and the owner would like to have them back. Please return them to the Main Desk or the Bookstore.

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Volume XXXVI, No. 10 Bread Loaf, Vermont Friday, August 25, 1961

DAILY SCHEDULE

9:00 Juvenile Literature Clinic

10:30 Short Story Clinic

2:00 Novel Clinic

3:30 Poetry Clinic

EVENING LECTURE

At 8:00 P. M. in the Little Theatre Mr. Louis Rubin will speak on "The Various Uses of Thomas Wolfe."

FROST LECTURE TOMORROW NIGHT

In the past so many people from off the mountain have come to the Frost lecture that conference members have been unable to find seats. For your protection, therefore, we will distribute tickets (free, of course) to all conference members. Tickets are available to all Bread Loafers at the office of the Assistant Director. The doors will be opened at 7:45 on Saturday (tomorrow) evening for ticket holders. Please plan to be seated before eight o'clock at which time people without tickets will be admitted to the hall. No seats are to be reserved before the lecture except by the Director.

DEPARTURE SLIPS

Departure slips must be returned to the main desk by noon today (Friday). After that time the main desk will accept no reservations for the school taxi to meet buses on Wednesday; those neglecting to make reservations will have to secure town taxis for transportation.

Those leaving on the 8:55 A. M. Bus will be given special tickets for an early breakfast Wednesday in order to make these bus connections.

FROM THE BOOKSTORE

Books left to be autographed by Mr. Ciardi, Mr. Nims and Mr. Nemerov (purchased before yesterday) may be picked up at the Bookstore.

There will be time, immediately after Breakfast, to purchase books to be autographed by Mr. Frost.

The Bookstore would like to call attention to two long playing records which are for sale: The Inferno, Cantos 1-8 and Poems Selected by Mr. Ciardi. Mr. Ciardi does the reading on both these records.

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Volume XXXVI, No. 11 Bread Loaf, Vermont Saturday, August 26, 1961

DAILY SCHEDULE (Clinic Hours)

9:00 Short Story Clinic

10:15 Non-fiction -- Mr Asbell and Mr. Raney

EVENING LECTURE

Mr. Frost will preside over the evening's events in the Little Theatre. Those holding tickets please plan to be seated before eight o'clock at which time those without tickets will be admitted to the Theatre. Tickets may yet be obtained at the Secretary's office.

TEACHERS AND EDUCATIONISTS

On Sunday afternoon at 2:30 Mr. Ciardi will lead a (probably confused) discussion on the teaching of poetry. All partisans are invited to come armed and ready for combat.

FROM THE BOOKSTORE

Today will be the last day on which books can be bought to be autographed. The Bookstore will remain open for the usual hours through Tuesday.

Books left to be autographed by Mr. Ciardi, Miss Hale, Mr. Yates and Mr. Nims may be picked up at the Bookstore.

The Frost books are also ready and the Bookstore asks that customers be resigned to little delays in the reception line.

THE MISSING RECORDS

The five long playing records missing from the Snow Bowl have not appeared. Please return them either to the main desk or to the Bookstore.

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Volume XXXVI, No. 12 Bread Loaf, Vermont Sunday, August 27, 1961

EVENING LECTURE

At 8:00 P. M. in the Little Theatre Mr. Yates will speak on "The Fight Against Sentimentality."

A REMINDER

The (probably confused) discussion on the teaching of poetry, marshalled by Mr. Ciardi, will take place today at 2:30 in the Little Theatre.

TRANSPORTATION NOTICE

Persons leaving by bus Wednesday should check the bulletin board near the main desk Monday afternoon to insure that taxi arrangements have been made for them. It will not be possible to change the time of reservations.

FROM THE BOOKSTORE

Please call for books left to be autographed. The shelves are full.

LOST

A pair of man's bifocal glasses, with gray plastic frames, has been lost, or picked up by mistake from a table by the pool. The owner would appreciate their return to the front desk before he becomes a squint-eyed misanthrope.

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Volume XXXVI, No. 13 Bread Loaf, Vermont Monday, August 28, 1961

DAILY SCHEDULE

9:00 Short Story Clinic

10:30 Non-fiction Clinic --Mr. Raney and Mr. Asbell

2:00 Poetry Clinic

EVENING LECTURE

At 8:00 P. M. in the Little Theatre Mr. Nims will read from his poetry.

PLEASE NOTE

that books borrowed from Miss Blake's display of children's books SHOULD BE RETURNED TODAY TO THE LITTLE THEATRE.

LIBRARY NOTICE

The Librarian would like all borrowed books returned today.

TIPPING

In response to inquiries about tipping: For waiters, a box will be placed on the table inside the dining room door. For Maids, the tip may be given directly to the maid in the room, or left in a marked envelope at the main desk (e. g. "For Maid, Inn 56").

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Volume XXXVI, No. 14 Bread Loaf, Vermont Tuesday, August 29, 1961

DAILY SCHEDULE (Clinic Hours)

9:00 Juvenile Clinic

10:30 Novel Clinic: THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DAYS OF NOAH JONES

2:00 Mr. Robert Frost

BANQUET TONIGHT

To highlight the last evening of the Conference a banquet will be held this evening at 6:30. (Groups who wish to reserve tables should speak to the headwaitress at noon.) The dining room doors will be opened at 6:25 and closed promptly at 6:30. Please be punctual.

PIX NOTE

Immediately after Mr. Frost's appearance this afternoon, members of the staff will hold still--on the west side of the Little Theatre--both for the professional photographer and such amateurs as may be interested.

LIBRARY NOTICE

The Librarian, Mr. Kessler, would like all borrowed books returned TODAY.

FROM THE BOOKSTORE --Clearance Sale

All the books remaining on the Bookstore shelves will be sold today at a reduction in price. The reduction is considerable, but the number of books is not. The Bookstore will remain open until 3:00.

LAST MEAL

Luncheon on Wednesday will be at 11:20 (not from 11:20 to 12:00). This adjustment is to allow members to make bus connections. Dining room doors will close at 11:25.

DEPARTURES

Sign up on the express list if you have any pieces to be shipped collect.

Be sure to advise the main desk if there is any change in bus departure.

PARCEL POST

Parcel-post packages must be mailed by 3:30 P. M. today, Tuesday.

SAFETY DEPOSITS

Safety deposits must be picked up at the desk by noon Tuesday.

NEWSPAPERS

Today is the last day on which newspapers will be delivered.

THE NURSE will hold clinic hours Wednesday from 8:00 to 8:30 for the last time.

AND FAREWELL

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(Pre - Conference Hiking Issue)

Below are listed some of the hikes which can be taken in the vicinity of the Inn. All directions assume the hiker will start at Bread Loaf. All those who wish to take such walks are urged to go in pairs. Hiking alone can be dangerous.

TO THE WIDOW'S CLEARING: (approximately 3miles). From the front porch of the Inn turn left, taking the main road east until you come to the Goshen Trail sign(a bout ½ mile beyond the Inn). Turn off the road to the right, and follow this to a point just beyond the bridge at the empty Beaver Pond. Here, turn right onto a logging road, which will lead you directly to the clearing.

TO LAKE PLEIAD (3 to five hours). Lake Pleiad is a beautiful mountain lake, clear, and a good hiking distance from the Inn. Proceeding east from the Inn, go to the top of Hancock-Ripton pass (i.e. follow the main road). Here, the Long Trail crosses the highway. Turn right onto this and follow it up and down until at last you reach Pleiad. A shelter house will be passed along the way. The hike may be shortened to less than one hour by driving up the main road to the Pass, and hiking to the lake from there.

THE GOSHEN TRAIL (a bout 3½ miles). Follow the main road east to the Goshen Trail sign, as indicated in the first hike listed on this page.Turn right onto the road, and bear left past the red farm house up through the woods. Continue to bear left where the trail branches and follow the old road up into the woods past a big log pile; just beyond this will be a sawdust mound; a little way beond this a stream closes the trail.

THE BROOK TRAILS: # 1 -- Brandybrook. Leaving the Inn go down the hill on the main road until you reach the first bridge at the bottom of the dip. Turn right on the gravel road that leads past Gilmore. Follow this until you come to Kirby Cemetery, and turn right, following the well-marked trail down to the main road just above the Bread Loaf Inn.

THE BROOK TRAILS: # 2 -- The Meadows. (You may continue this hike a s a part of # 1, or take it ceparately). Emerging onto the main road, you will find yourself at the ubiquitous Goshen Trail sign, just across the highway. Follow this road and cross the bridge by the little stream; a few yards beyond this turn onto a little roadway, passing to the right of the beaver pond. Proceed until you come to another bridge where a little stake with an arrow marks the beginning of the trail. This trail is clearly marked and follows the stream around to the meadow across from the Inn.

THE RESERVOIR: (2½ miles). Proceed from the Inn, behind the barn, and down to the road which runs alongside the Johnson Swimming Pool. Follow this road past Gilmore until you rea ch the Kirby Cemetery. Here, turn left and continue for half a mile to the Reservoir, which will be seen to left, behind heavy fencing.